

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**COMPOSITION CONTAINING XYLITOL AND FIBER,**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

None

I agree that, when requested, I shall, without charge to Corporation but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with said applications, patents, or other forms of protection.



Fran Gare

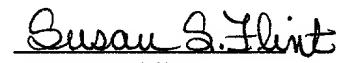
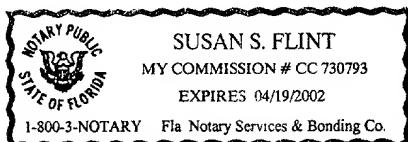
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United States of America )

State of FLORIDA )ss.:

County of MIAMI-DADE )

On this 10TH day of JANUARY, <sup>2001</sup> 2001, before me personally came Fran Gare, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.



Susan S. Flint  
Notary Public